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P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty having taken into Consideration the Injuries and Acts of Hostility committed by the King of Spain and his Subjects unto and upon the Ships, Goods, and Persons of His Majesty's Subjects, extending to their grievous Damages, and amounting to great Sums; and that notwithstanding the Complaints made of such Usage to the King of Spain, no Redress or Reparation could be obtained from him: And His Majesty having received Advices that the King of Spain hath actually besieged the Town and Garrison of Gibraltar, belonging to and in the Possession of the Crown of Great Britain:

His Majesty, with the Advice of His Privy-Council, hath thought fit to order, as it is hereby ordered, That General Reprizals be granted against the Ships, Goods and Subjects of the King of Spain; so that as well his Majesty's Fleet and Ships, as also all other Ships and Vessels that shall be commissioned by Letters of Marque or General Reprizals, or otherwise, by His Majesty's Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, shall and may lawfully Seize all Ships, Vessels and Goods belonging to the King of Spain, or his Subjects, or others inhabiting within any the Territories of the King of Spain, and bring the same to Judgment in any of the Courts of Admiralty within His Majesty's Dominions: And to that End, His Majesty's Advocate General, with the Advocate of the Admiralty, are forthwith to prepare the Draught of a Commission, and present the same to His Majesty at this Board, Authorizing the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, to issue forth and grant Letters of Marque and Reprizal to any of His Majesty's Subjects or others, whom the said Commissioners shall deem fitly qualified in that Behalf, for the apprehending, seizing and taking the Ships, Vessels and Goods belonging to Spain, and the Vassals and Subjects of the King of Spain, or any inhabiting within his Countries, Territories or Dominions, and that such Powers and Clauses be inserted in the said Commission as have been usual, and are according to former Precedents. And His Majesty's said Advocate General, with the Advocate of the Admiralty, are also forthwith to prepare the Draught of a Commission, and present the same to His Majesty at this Board, Authorizing the said Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, to Will and Require the High Court of Admiralty of Great

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Britain, and the Lieutenant and Judge of the said Court, as also the several Courts of Admiralty within His Majesty's Dominions, to take Cognizance of and judicially proceed upon all and all Manner of Captures, Seizures, Prizes and Reprizals of all Ships and Goods that are or shall be taken, and to hear and determine the same, and according to the Course of Admiralty, and the Laws of Nations, to adjudge and to condemn all such Ships, Vessels and Goods, as shall belong to Spain, or the Vassals and Subjects of the King of Spain, or to any others inhabiting within any of his Countries, Territories and Dominions; and that such Powers and Clauses be inserted in the said Commission as have been usual and are according to former Precedents. And they are likewise to prepare and lay before His Majesty at this Board a Draught of such Instructions as may be proper to be sent to the Courts of Admiralty in His Majesty's Foreign Governments and Plantations, for their Guidance herein; as also another Draught of Instructions for such Ships as shall be commissioned for the Purposes aforementioned.

St. James's.

The following humble Address of the High-Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand-Jury, and other Gentlemen of the County of Dorset, has been presented to His Majesty by George Pitt, Jun. Esq; one of the Knights of the Shire for the said County, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Bolton Lord Lieutenant of the said County. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the High-Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand-Jury, and other Gentlemen of the County of Dorset, assembled at the Assizes held for the said County, the 16th Day of March 1726.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE should think ourselves unworthy of the many inestimable Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's gracious and happy Government, should we not at this Time joyn with our fellow Subjects in expressing our just Abhorrence of the injurious Treatment your Majesty has received from those Powers from whom it was least deserved.

The unparelled Ingratitude of his Imperial Majesty, in disturbing the Peace of this Kingdom; whose victorious Arms once saved the Imperial Diadem; his setting up a Company at Ostend to ruin our Trade; his joyning with Spain (till now his most inveterate Enemy) to invade those Rights, and rob us of those Places which were yielded up by that Crown,

Crown, and confirmed to us by the most solemn Treaties, and the insolent Memorial since delivered to your Majesty by the Imperial Resident, are such flagrant Instances of violated Faith and intolerable Arrogance, as cannot but raise a just Indignation in the Breasts of all your loyal Subjects.

The seasonable Precautions taken by your Majesty to prevent Designs so destructive to the darling Interest of your People; your equipping such Fleets for the Safety and Honour of the Nation, must give every true Briton a sensible Pleasure, and your Majesty's Enemies a secret Dread.

That a Popish Prince can be a proper Protector of the Church of England, or a fit Guardian of the Laws and Liberties of a Protestant People, is so very absurd, that the very Thoughts of placing such a Pretender on your Majesty's Throne, must inspire every one that hath any Concern for his Religion or Liberty with the utmost Detestation.

For our Parts, we shall Cheerfully contribute to the vigorous carrying on that War which Self Defence hath made Necessary, and to the Support of your Majesty, against these Pretenders and all their Adherents, well knowing that every Thing that is valuable or worth living for, to a free People, entirely depends on the Continuance of the Protestant Succession in your Illustrious House; where that it may continue till Time shall be no more, is, and shall be the constant Prayer of

Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Sheriffs, Citizens, and Commonalty of the City of Lincoln, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir John Monson, Kt. one of their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Sheriffs, Citizens and Commonalty of the City of Lincoln.

May it please your Majesty,

THE many Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's auspicious Reign, call for our daily Acknowledgments of your Majesty's consummate Wisdom and Conduct: But we should be wanting both to your Majesty and ourselves, if we did not (on this great Occasion) express them in a more particular Manner, when your timely and vigorous Preparations have diverted a Storm that threatned at once both your Majesty's Person and Government, and the Trade and Prosperity of your Kingdoms.

A sudden Union of Powers so differing in Interest and Policy, to carry on Counsels so dangerous to their Neighbours, and so little to be expected (because so undeserved) by your

Majesty and your People, might well have surprized any Vigilance less than your Majesty's: But 'tis with Pleasure we see such Projects disappointed by those early and powerful Naval Armaments, that have rendered your Majesty real Master of your Enemies Seas as well as of your own.

'Tis with great Cheerfulness as well as Truth that we assure your Majesty of our utmost Assistance in the supporting and carrying on your Majesty's Designs, so justly undertaken and so wisely contrived. For how formidable soever your Adversaries represent themselves, or those who are disaffected endeavour to represent them; (when we reflect on the Efforts of this Nation in late as well as elder Times, in Regard to the Powers who have now made themselves your Enemies) we cannot be induced to fear, either those whom we supported so long, or those whom we have defeated so often.

Given under the Common Seal of the said City of Lincoln, this 18th Day of March Anno Domini 1726-7.

The following humble Address of the High Steward, Alderman, Recorder, Capital and Secondary Burgesses, and other the Gentlemen and principal Inhabitants of the ancient Town and Corporation of Wokingham, within the Counties of Berks and Wilts, and within the Forest of Windsor, hath been presented to His Majesty by Henry Grey, Esq; their High Steward, attended by James Hayes, Esq; their Recorder, and Denington Bradley, Gent. their Town-Clerk, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the High Steward, Alderman, Recorder, Capital and Secondary Burgesses, and other the Gentlemen and principal Inhabitants of your Majesty's ancient Town and Corporation of Wokingham, within the Counties of Berks and Wilts, and within your Majesty's Forest of Windsor.

May it please your Majesty,

THE affectionate Regard and unfeigned Zeal we have for your Majesty's Person and Government, engage us to assure your Majesty, that we are ready to venture all that is dear and valuable to us in their Defence, and to declare our Abhorrence and Detestation of the unparallel'd Ingratitude of one Prince who owes so much to this Nation, and our Contempt of another, who in Breach of the most solemn Treaties, joyns with him in disturbing the Peace and Tranquility of Europe. However, we are pleased to see with what an Infatuation their Designs are undertaken, and that their Insults and Abuses proceed from the Advice and Encouragement of those, who, contrary to the strongest Oaths and

and Obligations, had gone so far in their villainous Schemes as to be forced to fly their Country. Nor are we in the least surprized to find them take Shelter under those with whom their Principles and Practices so exactly agree.

But what provokes our Indignation most is, that they should dare to threaten your Majesty with placing a Pretender on your Throne.

May the Great God, whose Providence so seasonably interposed in setting your Majesty to rule over us, still continue to protect and preserve you and your Posterity; and may your Majesty ever be served by so able and faithful a Ministry, so wise and steady a Parliament, whose Counsels and Resolutions have raised the Credit of the British Nation, the Envy of your Neighbours, and the Terror of your Enemies.

These, Great Sir, are the sincere and hearty Prayers of your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Capital Burgeses and other Inhabitants of the Borough of Harwich, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir Philip Parker, Bart. one of their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Capital Burgeses, and other Inhabitants of the Borough of Harwich.

May it please your Majesty,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, humbly beg Leave at this Time to express our deepest Sense of Gratitude for the many Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's most gracious and excellent Government.

Your Majesty's tender Care for the Liberties and Welfare of your People, which has been seen and felt through the whole Course of your happy Reign over us, has endeared you most justly to all your Subjects; and therefore we cannot but with the greatest Indignation and Resentment hear of black and wicked Schemes, concerted in Favour of an abjured Popish Pretender, and of Attempts to rob you of Advantages stipulated for in the most solemn Treaties.

As your Majesty's early Care and Vigilance, which do eminently appear in all your Counsels, have at this Time most happily and seasonably discovered the Designs of your Adversaries, so we doubt not, but by the Blessing of God, their Machinations will turn to their own Shame and Confusion; and that your Majesty, at the Head of a brave and free People, truly sensible of the Blessings of your Reign, and ready to venture their Lives and Fortunes in Defence of your Title

and Honour, will make them repent of their Folly and Ambition, the Injustice of their violating all national Faith and the most solemn Treaties, and their Ingratitude in turning against you a Power which owes its Strength to your Majesty's Generosity.

That God may grant you a long and prosperous Reign over us, and that there may never be wanting a Prince of your Royal Family to govern and protect us, are the hearty Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Common-Council, and principal Inhabitants of the Corporation of Bedford, has been presented to His Majesty by William Farrer and John Thurloe Brace, Esqrs; their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Kent, Lord-Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Bedford. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Common-Council, and principal Inhabitants of the Corporation of Bedford.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, presume to return our humble and unfeigned Thanks to your Majesty for your paternal Care over us, and unwearied Endeavours to preserve and perpetuate to us the many inestimable Blessings and Felicities we enjoy under your Majesty's gracious and wise Government, which our Enemies in a most ungrateful manner attempt to deprive us of.

When we behold the Emperour (forgetful of the many and high Obligations he lies under to this Nation, which has spent so much Blood and Treasure in the Support of him and the Imperial Family, and in manifest Violation of the most solemn Treaties, entering into Measures with the King of Spain, to invade and destroy the most valuable Branches of our Commerce, and to wrest out of your Majesty's Hands the important Fortresses of Gibraltar, and combining to place a Popish and abjured Pretender on your Majesty's Throne, our Hearts are filled with the highest Indignation and Astonishment at his Rashness and Ingratitude. But seeing the restless Ambition of those Princes has push'd them on to attempt the putting their treacherous Designs and destructive Projects in Execution, your Majesty's Fleets and Armies, in Conjunction with your Allies, will, we doubt not, by the Blessing of God, render all their Schemes abortive, and soon convince them, that your Majesty will not suffer them to offer such outrageous Insults and Indignities to so great a King, without feeling the Effects of your Majesty's just and due Resentment; and that the British Nation will not tamely submit

mit to exchange their Religion, Liberty and Happiness, for Superstition, Slavery and Misery.

We humbly beg Leave, in the present uncertain Situation of Affairs, to assure your Majesty, that we will readily and willingly sacrifice our Lives in Defence of your sacred Person, and cheerfully contribute to the utmost of our Abilities to support your Majesty's glorious Government at Home, and enable your Majesty to be the Scourge and Terror of all your Enemies Abroad, who shall for the future be hardy enough to disturb the Peace and Tranquility of this Nation.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Justices of the Peace, Aldermen, Free-Burgesses, and Principal Inhabitants of the Borough of Fowy in the County of Cornwall, has been presented to His Majesty by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Fitzwilliams, one of their Representatives in Parliament, and Richard Edgcomb, Esq; Custos Rotulorum of that County, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Justices of the Peace, Aldermen, Free-Burgesses, and Principal Inhabitants of your Majesty's ancient and loyal Borough of Fowy in the County of Cornwall.

May it please your most Excellent Majesty,

TO permit us, amongst the rest of your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, to approach your most sacred Person with Hearts sensibly touched and affected with the dangerous and pernicious Practices and Designs carrying on by your Majesty's Enemies, in order to disturb the Peace and Tranquility which your good Subjects have so long happily enjoyed under your most mild and auspicious Administration and Government; begging Leave to shew our utmost Abhorrence and Detestation of such Practices and Designs, and most humbly to assure your Majesty, that we will, to the utmost of our respective Powers and Capacities, readily and cheerfully contribute towards supporting and assisting your Majesty in the carrying on such Measures as your Majesty in your great Wisdom shall think necessary for defeating the same, and for Preservation of your Majesty's most sacred Person and Royal Family, and the Honour and Trade of these Kingdoms, (which your Majesty has always shewn the utmost and tenderest Regard for) against all your Majesty's Enemies whatsoever.

That your Majesty's Fleets and Arms may prove successful in the present Conjunction of Affairs, and always in defeating and preventing the ill Designs of all your Majesty's Op-

posers whomsoever, are the hearty and sincere Wishes and Prayers of us, who (as in Duty bound) shall always pray for your Majesty's long Life and happy Reign over us.

Fowy, March 16, 1726.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Jurats and Common-Council, with the Minister and other Inhabitants of the King's Town and Parish of Maidstone, in the County of Kent, has been presented to His Majesty by William Wattell, Gent. Mayor, and Sir Roger Meredith, Bart. Recorder, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Jurats and Common-Council, with the Minister and other Inhabitants of the King's Town and Parish of Maidstone, in the County of Kent.

May it please your Majesty,

WHEN we reflect upon the many Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's Government, the Security of our Religion, Liberties and Properties, accompanied with a prosperous and beneficial Trade, we cannot too gratefully return our most humble Thanks for your Majesty's great Care for the Welfare of your Kingdoms; and at the same Time it highly becomes us to express our utmost Indignation, to see your Majesty treated in a Manner unworthy the Dignity of the King of Great Britain.

Vain will be the Attempts of foreign Potentates to raise Discontents and Jealousies in the Hearts of your Subjects, which we trust, by your Majesty's great Wisdom, and the Providence of God, may only terminate in Shame to themselves, the just Disappointment to Perfidy and Ingratitude.

We beg Leave to make a Tender of our Assurances, that we shall be always ready, to the utmost of our Power, to support your Majesty and your Royal Descendants on the Throne of these Realms; especially against a Popish Pretender, audacious in aiming at the Regal Sway; in the Enjoyment of which, that your Majesty may long and prosperously Live, are the hearty Prayers of your Majesty's most dutiful Subjects.

The following humble Address of the Wardens, Elder Brethren, and Assistants of the Trinity House of Kingston upon Hull, has been presented to His Majesty by George Crowle, Esq; one of the Representatives for the Town of Kingston upon Hull, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of your Majesty's Loyal Subjects the Wardens, Elder Brethren, and Assistants of the Trinity House of Kingston upon Hull.

May it please your Majesty,

THE many great and valuable Blessings that have been derived to your People from your Majesty's just and prudent Administration, demand the most sincere and grateful Acknowledgments of all your Majesty's Subjects.

The undisturbed Enjoyment of our Religion, Liberty and Property, is a Blessing we possess in Common with the rest of your Subjects; but as a trading Part of your People, we have more sensibly felt the happy Effects of your Majesty's unwearied Endeavours to protect and extend the Trade and Commerce of this Kingdom.

Any Attempts therefore to deprive us of this so valuable a Treasure, must necessarily raise in us the highest Indignation; but when these Attempts to rob us of our Strength and Glory are carried on in open Violation of publick Faith and private Honour, they must fire the Breast of every true Englishman with the warmest Resentment at so perfidious, so ingrate a Procedure, and call for an unlimited Tender of our Lives and Fortunes, to punish the Insolence of so injurious and unprovoked an Invasion upon English Property.

Such Tender we here beg Leave to make your Majesty; and assure you, we will, to the utmost of our Power, contribute to the Defence and Support of your Majesty's Person and Government, whereupon depends the Security of our Civil and Religious Rights; which that you may long live to protect and defend, is the sincere Prayer of us your most dutiful and loyal Subjects.

*Given under the Common Seal of the House;
the 10th Day of March, Anno Dom.
1726.*

The following humble Address of the Mayor and Burgeses of the Town of Kingston upon Hull, has been presented to His Majesty by Nathaniel Rogers and George Crowle, Esqrs; their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty;

The humble Address of the Mayor and Burgeses of the Town of Kingston upon Hull.

May it please your Majesty,

WE cannot omit, at this critical Juncture, expressing our grateful Acknowledgments of your Majesty's unwearied Care and Diligence to provide for the Security of

this Nation, and the Preservation of its Trade, at a Time when both have been so insolently attacked by those Powers who have the greatest Obligations to maintain and defend them.

When we reflect that a Prince, so many Ways obliged to your Majesty, and for whom we have spent so much Blood and Treasure to raise him to the Power he now enjoys, should (without any just Provocations) enter into Engagements to take from us those Places we gained by the expensive War enter'd into upon his Account, to invade the Rights of our Commerce, and impose a Popish Pretender upon your Majesty's Dominions, and at last descend to such mean Arts, as to endeavour to deprive your Majesty of the Love and Esteem of your People (which you have so justly merited) by avowedly publishing false and scandalous Aspersions upon your Majesty in the Heart of your own Kingdoms; it raises in us the utmost Abhorrence of, and Indignation at his Ingratitude, and fires the Hearts of us, your Majesty's faithful Subjects (who have the highest Sense of the Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's happy Administration) with the most ardent Resolutions of supporting your Majesty to the utmost of our Power, in such Measures as you shall think proper for the Defence of the Protestant Religion, the Rights of your Crown and People, and avenging the Affronts and Indignities put upon you.

That your Majesty may defeat all the Designs of your Enemies both at home and abroad, enjoy a long and prosperous Reign over us, and transmit the Succession of the Government of these Realms in your own august Family to the latest Posterity, are the hearty and constant Prayers of your Majesty's most faithful, loyal and obedient Subjects. In Testimony whereof, we have caused the common Seal of our Corporation to be hereto affixed this 11th Day of March, in the 13th Year of your Majesty's Reign.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Bailiffs and Burgeses of the Borough of Abingdon, in the County of Berks, has been presented to His Majesty by William Wells, Esq; Mayor, and George Knapp, Esq; Recorder, introduced by his Grace the Duke of St. Albans. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Bailiffs and Burgeses of your Majesty's loyal Borough of Abingdon, in your County of Berks.

Most Gracious Sovereign;

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, deeply sensible of your constant Care and Concern for the Maintenance and Preservation of our Religion, Laws and Liberties, humbly beg Leave to approach your Royal Person with Hearts sincerely thankful



thankful for the many and great Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's auspicious Government, and for your ever prudent Measures and unwearied Endeavours to secure and transmit them to all Posterity.

We also in the most humble Manner crave Leave to return your Majesty our most dutiful Thanks for this fresh Instance of your paternal Affection for your People, in discovering the late dangerous and perfidious Scheme of our common Enemies, and communicating the same to your loyal Parliament; and cannot at this Time omit expressing the Sense of our Happiness in having such Representatives, who so readily and wisely reposed the necessary Trust and Confidence in your Majesty, enabling you to defend your sacred Person and Government, and the Trade and Privileges of your Subjects.

Whilst the most solemn Treaties and national Faith are openly defied and violated, and instead thereof formidable Alliances are calculated and concluded against the Balance and Peace of Europe in general, and your Majesty's Person, Possessions and Government; and the common Interest of this your Kingdom in particular, no Protestant Briton can be silent without forgetting his indispensable Duty and Loyalty to the best of Kings.

The insolent Demand and actual Attack of Gibraltar by one Power, and the usurped Exercise of Trade by another, and their mutual and reciprocal Engagements to support each other in these their unjust and illegal Proceedings, and also to make an Invasion on your Majesty's Kingdoms in Favour of a despicable Popish Pretender, to dethrone your Majesty, and so to overthrow our happy and therefore envied Constitution, and introduce Tyranny and Superstition, call loudly for an entire Union amongst your Majesty's Subjects, and raise in us the utmost Indignation and Resentment.

Give us Leave likewise, Great Sir, to express our Detestation of that impudent and scandalous Libel, lately presented to your Majesty by the Minister of the ungrateful Emperour, and at his unwarrantable publishing and dispersing the same throughout these your Majesty's Dominions.

Vain and impotent are the malicious Devices of your Enemies, to seduce the Hearts of your Subjects from their true Interest, the inviolable Attachment to your Majesty and Government.

We therefore humbly presume at this Juncture to renew the Assurances of our steady and unalterable Loyalty to your Majesty, and that we shall never be wanting to shew our Duty and Affection to your Majesty, but shall upon all Occasions be ready to contribute our utmost Endeavours for the Preservation of your Majesty's Royal Person and Government, and the Protestant Succession in your illustrious Family; always praying, that God Almighty will give you a long and happy Reign over us; that He will continue to bless and guard your most sacred Person, and give Success to your Counsels and Arms, to the utter

Destruction and Confusion of your Enemies. In Testimony hereof, we have caused the common Seal of this your loyal Corporation to be hereunto affixed, the 18th Day of March, in the 13th Year of your Majesty's Reign.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Steward, Jurats, Town-Clerk, and Commoners, Gentlemen, Freemen, and other the Principal Inhabitants of the ancient Town of Faversham, in the County of Kent, a Member of the Cinque Ports, has been presented to His Majesty by John Seere, Esq; Mayor, Mr. Edward Weller and Mr. Robert Argent, Jurats, and Mr. Roger Kennett, Town-Clerk of the Town of Faversham, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Dorset, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Steward, Jurats, Town-Clerk and Commoners, Gentlemen, Freemen, and other the Principal Inhabitants of your Majesty's ancient Town of Faversham, in the County of Kent, a Member of the Cinque Ports.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WHEN we behold the Peace of Europe threatened, our Religion struck at, your Majesty and your undoubted Rights insulted, and the Trade of the British Nation actually invaded by a Prince who owes so much to the too bountiful Hand of Britain.

When we see Towns and Kingdoms, acquired by the Blood and Treasure of our Country, ready to exert their Strength against the Interest and Happiness of Britons; we want Words adequate to express our Surprise and Resentment, but not Resolution to joyn with the rest of our Fellow-Subjects (under your Majesty) in revenging those ungrateful Designs upon our Honour and Interest, or to dye in the Attempt.

We are not less surpriz'd at the insulting Demand of Gibraltar and Port-Mahon (those too parsimonious Reserves from the numerous Acquisitions of two bloody and expensive Wars) from another Prince, who lost them by Conquest, and confirm'd them by Treaty, and which we humbly apprehend, are so absolutely necessary to support our Trade, that they ought never to be given up nor lost but with our Name and Nation.

If the general Peace and Tranquility of Europe, (absolutely requiring on such Emergencies to be supported by War); if the purest Religion ever profess'd, the sure Path to eternal Happiness; if your Majesty, the glorious Defender of that Religion, and the greatest Blessing ever bestow'd on a Nation; and our Trade, the Life and Soul of our Country, are worthy the Care of Britons; if Ingratitude and Perfidy are Vices which ought to be oppos'd and depressed, as destructive to humane Society, and against which (under God) we have so much Hope of Success; let

let us call to Mind the glorious Resolutions and Actions of our Ancestors on the like Occasions; and thus inspir'd, let us exert the hitherto unconquer'd Spirit of the British Nation, and her inexhaustible Treasures; and convince these combin'd Heroes, at the Head of their half paid Legions, (tho' joyn'd with a Northern Amazon, the Head of a Country scarcely humane an Age ago) that we will not part with the least of these Blessings, but with our Blood, so justly fir'd; and that such a People, under such a King, with such Provocations, and in such a Cause, are not to be treated with such Indignities.

The timely and vigorous Measures taken by your Majesty, assisted by a wise and vigilant Ministry, to prevent and defeat the Intentions of your Enemies in placing the Pretender on the Throne, in Prejudice of your Majesty's undoubted Rights, and for the Preservation of those two important Places, call loudly for our humble and grateful Acknowledgements, and our sincerest Assurance, that as the Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty are inestimable, so our Resolutions to support your Majesty, and to transmit those Blessings to Posterity in your Royal Relations, shall always be invincible.

And we humbly beg Leave further to assure your Majesty, that it shall be our constant Prayer that your Majesty may long (happily) live and reign over us a free People, a Scourge to Tyrants, a successful Opposer of Treaty-breaking Princes; and thus, as the meritorious Preserver of the Peace and Balance of Europe, meet and possess all other earthly Blessings, till God, (in whose Power it only is) shall give you a Heavenly Crown of Glory.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Capital Burgesses, Freemen, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lyme Regis, in the County of Dorset, has been presented to His Majesty by John Burrige, Jun. Esq; one of their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Capital Burgesses, Freemen, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lyme Regis, in the County of Dorset.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

YOUR Majesty having condescended to inform your Parliament, that you was under a Necessity of entering into an Alliance with Foreign Powers to check the ambitious Enterprizes of two aspiring Monarchs, confederated to disturb the Peace and Tranquility of Europe, unless you would have tamely submitted to their unjust and unreasonable Demands; we think ourselves under the greatest Obligation to return our most hearty

Thanks for the firm Resolution you have shewn, not to suffer any Encroachment on our Trade, or to deliver up those important Places, which were they in the Hands of our Enemies, would render a very considerable Part of it too precarious.

And should your Majesty, by the Obstinacy of your Enemies, be forced to enter into a War, the wise Measures you have already taken to prevent the Execution of their Designs, give us good Reason to expect that your Arms will be crowned with such Success, as will soon convince the World that you have nothing to fear, either from the Perfidiousness of a few perjured Miscreants, or from any unjust Attempt that may be made in Favour of the Pretender, by those Princes who have been prevailed upon to espouse his Cause, contrary to their most solemn Renunciations. For our Parts, we are fully determined to demonstrate the just Sense we have of the Happiness we enjoy under your Majesty's Government, by doing every thing in our Power to strengthen and support it. And we cannot without the greatest Indignation reflect on the Ingratitude of his Imperial Majesty, who in Requital for the Blood and Treasure Britain has expended to enlarge his Dominions, as well as to secure to him the peaceable Enjoyment of them, would impose on us a Prince whom we have frequently abjured, and from whom, should he be placed on the British Throne, we may justly fear all the Calamities that can be brought on a People who are so unhappy as to be under the Government of an arbitrary Monarch; exasperated by having received from them what he thinks an injurious Treatment. But by the good Providence of God we have a more happy Prospect, for the Nation is not so far insatuated, as not to be sensible how much their Civil and Religious Rights depend on your sacred Person, and the Prosperity of your illustrious Family, from whence we promise ourselves, that we shall be blessed to the End of Time with a Succession of Princes, who will make it their Endeavours to copy after your great Example. And as you have at least equal'd the most glorious of your Predecessors, in the tender Care you have expressed for your People's Welfare, so we doubt not but that the Love and Gratitude of your Subjects will render you as powerful an Assistant to your Friends and Allies, and as great a Terror to your Enemies.

Lisbon, March 23, N. S. On the 14th Instant a French Ship from Bilboa laden with Timber for building of Ships on the King of Spain's Account, and bound for Cadiz, was sent into this Harbour by Captain Smith, Commander of His Majesty's Ship the York, belonging to Sir Charles Wager's Squadron, the Cargo as Counterband having been made Prize. By this Ship came also Advice, that Sir Charles Wager's Squadron had taken at the same time a Spanish Ship of about 300 Tons, carrying 20 Guns and 150 Men, laden with Wine, Brandy, Oyl, &c. bound for Cartagena, and sent her into Gibraltar; which

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